

Regular Meeting of Summersville City
Council held on August 24, 2026

PRESENT: David Harper, Mayor
Gary Withee, Recorder
Wayne Halstead, Councilman Ward I
Stevie LeRose, Councilman Ward I
Jim Epling, Councilman Ward II
Brandon Waters, Councilman Ward III
BJ Smith, Councilman Ward III
Eugene Underwood, Councilman Ward IV
Chuck Shaw, Councilman Ward IV

VISITORS: Ray Corbin, The Nicholas Chronicle
Julie Wingard, SCTV
Annabeth Anderson
Cody Turner, Thrasher Engineering
Rodney LeRose II
Jeremy Nicholas
Tim Hypes

Mayor Dave Harper called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

A motion was made to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of City Council held on August 10, 2026. Moved by Wayne Halstead.

Seconded by Stevie LeRose.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

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Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

The Mayor noted no one signed up for public comment.

The Mayor presented the Kentucky Road Stormwater Project update with Cody Turner and Jeff Gola. Cody Turner came to the podium and said the project is about 90-95% complete. He said the biggest holdup has been with Hope Gas, because there was a section that was very shallow and they had to relocate the line. He said the last item to be installed is the 8-foot section of box culvert, as far as the infrastructure itself. Then, it will just be paving, gravel, reseeding and mulching. Then, Thrasher and the City will do a walk through of anything that needs touched up or redone. He said the infrastructure has held up with the recent storms and its intended use. He said the project should be completed before the winter weather.

The Mayor presented the Webster Road Sidewalk Project update with an SQP representative. The Mayor said the SQP representative couldn't attend the meeting. He said they left the project for 3 weeks because there was an emergency in Mullens. He read an update that was sent. It read, "The project is pretty much completed. The traffic control barrels and temporary stoplights will be coming down today. We will have some landscaping and yard drains to install. And there is some caulking to do. As long as the weather cooperates this week, we should be completely out of there by Wednesday or Thursday." Gary Withee asked about the follow-up process for the yards that neighbor the sidewalk. He asked if it was the City's responsibility to make sure they germinate properly. Tim Hypes said no, it would be the company's responsibility.

The Mayor presented the approval of \$30,000 from the opioid funds towards the purchase of a police vehicle. The Mayor said \$30,000 is not the purchase price of the vehicle but will go towards it. It will replace a 2018 truck that is having issues. A discussion was held on the spending of the opioid funds. A motion was made to approve \$30,000 from the opioid funds towards the purchase of a police vehicle. Moved by Chuck Shaw.

Seconded by Gary Withee.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

The Mayor presented the approval of selling police vehicles:

-2019 Dodge Durango VIN# 1C45DJFT8KC652550

-2018 Dodge Ram Truck VIN# 1C65RFHT2KN517572

-2017 Lincoln MKZ 20T VIN# 3LN6L5C99HR615582

These funds will also go towards the purchase of the new police vehicle.

A motion was made to approve the sell of the police vehicles. Moved by Chuck Shaw.

Seconded by Brandon Waters.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes

Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

The Mayor presented the resignation of Billy Persinger from the Summersville Building Commission. The Mayor said since he was voted to the Nicholas County Board of Education, it's a conflict of interest. A motion was made to approve the resignation of Billy Persinger from the Summersville Building Commission. Moved by BJ Smith.

Seconded by Brandon Waters.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

The Mayor presented the appointment of Mike Amick to the Summersville Building Commission to fill the unexpired term of Billy Persinger expiring May 1, 2029. The Mayor said Mike is very qualified. He's built several buildings and knows land value. A motion was made to approve the appointment of Mike Amick to the Summersville Building Commission to fill the unexpired term of Billy Persinger expiring May 1, 2029. Moved by Stevie LeRose.

Seconded by Chuck Shaw.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

The Mayor presented the recommendation from the Summersville Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the building permit packet. Recorder Gary Withee reviewed the packet. He said the planning and zoning commission worked on this for a while. It follows the International Residential Code. He said they are trying to simplify and make it easier for the citizens. He said the packets will be available at City Hall for anyone who has questions. A motion was made to approve the building permit packet. Moved by BJ Smith.

Seconded by Brandon Waters.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes

Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

The Mayor presented the Recorder's Report. Recorder Withee spoke about the Old Main Arts & Heritage Center. Their board of directors asked to do a presentation at the last Summersville Planning and Zoning Meeting. Their challenge is their average age is 75, and they want to keep the facility going and get younger people involved. Because it is a historical sight, everything costs more to repair because it has to stay in its original condition. They want the City of Summersville to take over the property. He asked for the board to be put on a future council agenda to discuss the issue.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Report. The Mayor received notice from the WV Department of Transportation that the City of Summersville has been awarded the 2025 Transportation Alternative Grant for the Webster Road Sidewalk Phase III Project for \$527,886 of Federal Grants. It is fully funded. It will go from Gladwell Drive to North Street. He said there's been a lot of questions about the old U-Save parking lot. He said we were using the Camden Family Health lot for the rides at the Nicholas County Potato Festival. Now we can't use that lot, so we will be using the old U-Save lot for the bounce houses. It was paved to be safer for the kids. He said it will still be utilized after the festival for food trucks to come in, etc. The City leases the lot for \$10/year. We have first option to purchase if the property is ever sold.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm. Moved by BJ Smith.

Seconded by Brandon Waters.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.